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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Disabled Children's Home Care/Katie Beckett Institutional Level of Care**

### **Policy Summary:**

Beginning January 1, 2024, the Vermont Medicaid program is adopting the use of a standardized clinical assessment tool to determine institutional level of care for all new and renewed applications for Disabled Child in Home Care (DCHC), commonly referred to as “Katie Beckett.” DCHC is a pathway for Medicaid eligibility for disabled children (age 18 or younger) who require an institutional level of care and whose family’s income is too high to qualify for Dr. Dynasaur (above 312% of the federal poverty level). The standardized tool will ensure accuracy in decision making; it will also ensure fair, objective, and consistent outcomes. Implementation of the tool does not change the legal standard for qualifying for DCHC.

On March 29, 2023, Vermont Medicaid solicited public comment through the Global Commitment Register (GCR 23-032) on a proposed assessment tool. The agency received two sets of public comments on the proposed tool, one from Vermont Family Network and one from the Disability Law Project at Vermont Legal Aid Society and their cosigners, the Vermont Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health, the Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council, and Vermont Family Network.

As a result of these public comments, Vermont Medicaid has extensively revised the assessment tool to address the commenter’s concerns and, where appropriate, to incorporate their suggestions. These revisions are explained in the agency’s responses to public comments.

A copy of the revised and final assessment tool is found [here](#).

Specialized community education materials on DCHC/Katie Beckett eligibility criteria are available as follows:

- Materials for families are found [here](#).
- Materials for physicians are found [here](#).
- Materials for schools and other providers are found [here](#).

**Effective Date:**

January 1, 2024

**Authority/Legal Basis:**

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[HBEE 8.05\(k\)\(6\)](#)

**Population Affected:**

Children under 19

**Fiscal Impact:**

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

**Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period ended April 28, 2023. [State response to comments can be found here.](#)

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